Group’s Online Activities
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17th Session

21 March 2022
1. Methane Mondays

- Started in Summer 2021 following a survey that was conducted among our members
- 4 Meetings delivered
  - Organizational one;
  - On: The impact of methane emitted from coal seams on the state of the atmosphere and the real possibilities of its capture and utilization;
  - On: Information about methane emissions. What can we do with the knowledge that we have?
  - On: Monitoring, reporting and verification of methane emissions from coal mines. Best practices and the way forward
- Positive response from the Community
- Upcoming meeting:
  - On: The application of United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC) to Coal Bed Methane (CBM)
  - 25 April 2022, 15:00-17:00 online and in Geneva

https://unece.org/sustainable-energy/coal-mine-methane/methane-mondays
2. Methane Mondays Interviews

- 13 Interviews conducted
- Broad range of speakers
- Same set of questions for each interviewee
- Open discussion

As of November 2021 we began to conduct short interviews with members of our community. The purpose is to get to know better our fellow Methane Mondays experts, learn about their opinions on various methane-related issues, and thus identify the main points of disagreements among the participants of our sessions.

During all interviews we use the same set of predetermined questions known to our interlocutors in advance. They are followed by a short 10 - 15 minute-long discussion, the direction of which is determined by the responses that we receive to the above-mentioned questions.

The list of interviews (in alphabetical order):

(Ne click on the screenshots below to access the videos)
1. Interview with Mr. Özgür Acır, President, Jade Association of Geothermal Research

"...methane emissions are the result of our activities and their impact on our planet. We cannot regulate the emissions via paper work unless we learn to regulate our own consumer behaviors. First we must learn to respect each other as persons, members of a family or a community, then we must learn to respect our earth and its resources..."
3. Training Module

- 8 Modules
- Developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in support of the Global Methane Initiative (GMI).
- Designed for CMM project developers, mining company personnel, and government officials.
- It introduces principles for assessing the potential of developing projects to capture and/or use Coal Mine Methane (CMM).
- The introduced general approach should be underpinned by mine-specific data and analyses, allowing the principles to be tailored to the unique conditions at each mine.
- Ideally, such an assessment will lead to project development and implementation.

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4. Suggestions

Please send your ideas to:

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Thank you!